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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING MANILA, JUNE20,

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REF A) STATE 117059; B) BELGRADE 3251

1. PER PARA 2 REFTEL A, WE HAVE GIVEN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT COPY OF SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER AND HAVE DELIVERED PROPOSED AGENDA TO THE RAPPORTEUR. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN INITIATIVE OF GIVING COPIES OF LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AS ARE ACCESSIBLE, SINCE IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS DO NOT PROMPTLY INFORM MANY OF THEM, AND IT APPEARS THAT MUCH OF THE REMAINING PREPARATIONS FOR THE WFC MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME.

2. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH HAD DEPARTED FRIDAY, MAY 20 FOR NEW YORK, BEFORE OUR RECEIPT OF REFTEL, BUT HIS SECRETARIAT IS UNDERTAKING TO INFORM HIM OF THE MESSAGE IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY US MISSION IN NEW YORK.  
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AFTER NEW YORK, HE PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY AND RHURSDAY, MAY 25-26, AND THEN PROCEED TO MANILA TO WORK OUT PLANS WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TANCO.

3. RAPPORTEUR ALEC LANDYMORE (UK) IS INACTIVATED MONDAY 23 BY LANCING OF ABCESED TOOTH , BUT HAS BEEN GIVEN COPY OF SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER, AND HAD ALREADY CALLED FOR BRIEF

MEETING OF FRIENDS OF THE RAPPORTEUR TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 24.

4. BERNARDO BRITO OF BRAZIL, CHAIRMAN OF GROUP-77 PLANS TO GO TO MANILA, EVEN THOUGH BRAZIL IS NOT A MEMBER OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, BUT PHILIPPINE DELEGATION INDICATES THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF HIS COMMANDING LEADERSHIP OF GROUP-77 THERE. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO HAS TALKED, IN ADDITION TO PHILIPPINES, WITH PAKISTANI, INDONESIAN AND YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES, WHO ARE HOPEFUL OF WORKING OUT EFFECTIVE AGENDA AND PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR MANILA. VUJECIC OF YUGOSLAVIA IS DEPARTING MAY 26 FOR CIEC MEETING IN PARIS, WHICH HE HOPES WILL LAY FURHTER GROUNDWORK FOR MANILA MEETING. HE SAYS INITIAL GROUNDWORK MUST BE DEVELOPED IN ROME. VUJECIC SAYS HE AND TRKULJA BELIEVE TRADE ISSUE MUST BE DEALT WITH IN MANILA IN AT LEAST GENERAL TERMS, IF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT IS TO BE REACHED. CARANDANG OF PHILIPPINES RAISED QUESTION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY COMMITMENT TO AMOUNTS AND TIMESCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND WHEN INFORMED THIS WAS UNLIKELY, SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THIS ISSUE BE FORWARDED TO MANILA AS AN ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION THERE. GARDNER

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